EXISTING VIOLENCE DUE TO THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE DRUG CARTELS HAS CREATED POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS FOR ALL PERSONNEL ALONG THE U.S.-MEXICAN BORDER. THE HIGHEST RISK AREAS ARE TIJUANA, NOGALES, JUAREZ, NUEVO LAREDO, ACUNA, PIEDRAS NEGRAS, AND REYNOSA/MATAMOROS. PENDING A DECISION ON MAKING TRAVEL TO THESE AREAS OFF LIMITS OR RESTRICTED, ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE DISCOURAGED FROM TRAVELING TO THESE PARTS OF MEXICO.

FAMILY MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CIVILIANS, AND CIVILIAN CONTRACTORS ARE URGED TO AVOID TRAVEL TO THESE AREAS AS WELL.